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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT (37 CFR § 1.121)

This paper is in response to a telephone conversation with examiner Cris L. Rodriguez on January 26, 2004, and in response to a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR § 1.121) ("Notice") dated January 13, 2004.

The Notice states that the amendment document applicant filed on December 15, 2003 is considered non-compliant because it failed to meet the requirements of 37 CFR

§1.121. Specifically, the lack of a complete listing of all the claims caused the amendment document to be non-compliant.

However, the pending patent application is a reissue application and 37 CFR §1.121 explicitly excludes reissue applications. Further, the amendment document filed by applicant on December 15, 2003 complied with 37 CFR §1.173, which applies to reissue amendments and does not require a complete listing of all the claims. Therefore, the December 15, 2003 amendment document is compliant under 37 CFR §1.173. Accordingly, applicant requests that the Notice be withdrawn.

Respectfully submitted,

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